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IN A STRONGLY ANTI-U.S. ARTICLE BY ONE OF ITS EDITORIAL WRITERS, MONTREAL FRANCOPHONE DAILY LA PRESSE OF JULY 14 CRITICIZED PRESIDENT FORD FOR WANTING TO HAVE THE IOC DECISION ON TAIWAN REVERSED AND SENATOR GOLDWATER FOR PROPOSING THAT THE U.S. BOYCOTT THE OLYMPICS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE. "WITHER MR. FORD IS IGNORANT AND BLUNDERING OR HE, ALSO, IS PLAYING POLITICS", SAYS LA PRESSE, POINTING OUT THAT IT IS POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT FOR THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE AN OPENLY ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND IN VIEW OF HIS CLOSE RACE FOR THE NOMINATION. HE IS PLAYING POLITICS "IN DENOUNCING (THE POLITICS) WHICH CANADA SEEMS TO BE PLAYING" IN REFUSING TO ACCEPT THE MYTH OF TWO CHINAS. THAT'S TOO MUCH WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THE CONFUSION WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY AVERY BRUNDAGE, "THE AMERICAN WHO PRECEDED THE IRISHMAN KILLANIN AS IOC PRESIDENT". AFTER REVIEWING THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THE ROC, THE PRC AND THE IOC SINCE 1949, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT THE IOC IS NOT AT ITS FIRST INCONSISTENCY, THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S PROTESTS ARE WIDE OF THE TARGET AND OTTAWA IS NOT THE FIRST ONE TO PLAY POLITICS WITH TAIWAN. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN VIEW OF THE SETBACKS WHICH THEY HAVE FACED DURING THE LAST 16 YEARS, TAIWAN'S ATHLETES DESERVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPICS, AND IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF

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